drug trafficking from India to foreign countries and vice-versa detected and cases registered during the last three years;

(b) what is the nature of punishment awarded to the persons apprehended; and

(c) what incentives are given to the officials who detect such cases?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) According to reports received by the Government, the number of cases of drug trafficking from India to foreign countries and vice-versa detected during 1981 to 1983 and 1984 (upto June) is as under:

year	Number of cases of drug trafficking from India to foreign countries.	Number of cases of drug trafficking from foreign countries to India.
1981 . .	350	141
1982 . .	251	188
1983 . .	195	239*
1984 . . (upto June)	79	64*

*Provisional

(b) The persons apprehended in cases of drug trafficking are liable to penalties in departmental adjudications as also to prosecution in Courts of law under the Customs Act, 1962 and the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1930.

This apart, preventive detention under the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 is also resorted to wherever justified.

(c) The officials under the Department of Revenue engaged in detection of drug trafficking are eligible for grant of reward for the detection of opium trafficking cases. The monetary limits of the reward range from Rs. 500/- to Group 'D' staff to Rs. 2,500/- to Group 'B' staff subject to the ceiling of Rs. 30/- per Kg. of standard opium seized. In deserving cases, Presidential awards are also granted for exceptionally meritorious service rendered by the officers at the risk of their lives and for a specially distinguished record of service.

Central Excise duty outstanding against Rohtas group of companies

1509. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of show cause notices issued to Rohtas Group of Companies during the last three years for violation of central excise duty;

(b) what are the details of the amount outstanding against them on this account and since when this amount is outstanding;

(c) Whether Government propose to charge any interest on the outstanding amount; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) What steps are being taken by Government to realise the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) Data regarding revenue and arrears are maintained by Collectors of Central Excise manufacturing unit-wise and not in terms of group of companies. Further varification with Department of Company Affairs indicates that there is no group by M/s Rohtas Group.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Uniform Wage Policy

1510. SHRI T. THANGABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce Uniform Wage Policy in the Centre, States, Public Sector Undertakings, State-owned